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INFO AMCONSUL RECIFE

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SUBJECT: MDB ELECTION-DAY STATEMENTS

1. MDB CANDIDATE ULISSES GUIMARAES' ELECTORAL COLLEGE SPEECH FOCUSED CRITICISM ON INDIRECT VOTING SYSTEM. RECALLING PAST INSTANCES OF COURAGE AND DETERMINATION OF BRAZILIAN PEOPLE IN QUEST FOR LIBERTY, GUIMARAES DECLARED "A PEOPLE CAPABLE OF WORKING, OF PAYING TAXES, OF HAVING AND EDUCATING CHILDREN, OF DYING ON THE FIELDS OF BATTLE, IS ALSO CAPABLE OF VOTING." GUIMARAES ALSO NOTED "WITH DEEP BITTERNESS" ABSENCE FROM CHAMBER OF CASSATED POLITICIANS AND MADE BRIEF BUT STRONG CALL FOR AMNESTY. ALTHOUGH SPEECH HAD BEEN RUMORED IN THE PRESS BEFOREHAND AS STRONGER THAN MANY ANTICIPATED, IT FAILED TO AROUSE ANY PARTICULAR COMMENT, AND WAS CARRIED WITH NO SIGN OF CENSORSHIP IN ALL LEADING PAPERS.

2. MDB AUTENTICOS WHOSE VOTES WERE COUNTED AS ABSTENTIONS (AS DISTINCT FROM THE FOUR WHO VOTED FOR GUIMARAES AND THE TWO WHO SAT OUT THE ROLL CALL IN THE CHAMBER COFFEE-SHOP) SUBMITTED TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE PRESIDING OFFICERS A STATEMENT ON THEIR REASONS. STATEMENT

(EMBOFF WAS GIVEN COPY BEFOREHAND BY ONE OF ITS SIGNERS) EMPHASIZES
REFUSAL PARTICIPATE IN "ELECTORAL FARCE" AND SHARPLY CRITICIZES
LACK OF LIBERTY IN BRAZIL. DURING ROLL CALL, SEVERAL OF THE
SIGNERS DECLARED THEY WERE REFUSING TO VOTE FOR REASONS CONTAINED
IN DECLARATION SUBMITTED TO PRESIDING OFFICERS AND (VARIOUSLY)
"CENSORED BY THE GOVERNMENT" OR "PROHIBITED FROM PUBLICATION."
NEITHER THE STATEMENT NOR THESE REMARKS WERE REPORTED IN THE PRESS,
ALTHOUGH ONE PAPER (JORNAL DE BRASILIA) REPORTED POINT OF ORDER
MADE AT END OF SESSION BY AUTENTICO LYSANEAS MACIEL AS EX-
PLAINING THAT GROUP DID NOT ABSTAIN BUT RATHER "RETURNED THE
VOTE TO THE BRAZILIAN PEOPLE."
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